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Proceedings.**

The proceedings of the Atlanta Conference are out and have been sent to all members of the Conference. The volume is larger than heretofore, containing 640 pages. Members who have failed to receive their copy should at once notify the General Secretary at Columbus, Ohio.

**Conference
Proceedings of
Former Years.**

There is a considerable number of volumes of proceedings of former years in stock. These are offered to members and ex-members of the Conference and to libraries, at seventy-five cents each, sent prepaid. This does not include, however, the volumes for 1902 and 1903, the selling price of which remains at \$1.50 each. This offer gives an exceptional opportunity to augment and complete sets of Conference proceedings. The volumes obtainable are noted on the order blank to be found on the last page of the Bulletin. Those for some years are getting "out of print."

**Meeting of the
Executive Com-
mittee of the
Conference.**

The Executive Committee of the Thirty-first National Conference held its first meeting in New York City on December 5th. There were present Mr. Brackett, the President, Baltimore; Hon. Philip C. Garrett and F. H. Nibecker, Philadelphia; Rev. Fred H. Wines, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Frances G. Curtis, Boston; Hugh F. Fox, Bayonne, N. J., Hon. Wm. R. Stewart and Robert W. deForest, New York; Max Senior, Cincinnati; the General Secretary, Joseph P. Byers, and Nathan Bijur, of the special committee on "Finance" appointed at Atlanta.

The main work accomplished was the adoption of a tentative program and the fixing of the date for the Portland meeting, June 15th to 22nd, inclusive.

As at Atlanta, all of the morning and evening meetings of the Conference will be devoted to general sessions, special sessions (section meetings) being assigned to the afternoons. It is probable that on Saturday afternoon of the Conference week an excursion down Casco bay will be given the delegates by the Portland Board of Trade.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE BY STATES ON NOVEMBER 30,
1903.

Patrons for 1903.

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|------------------|---|--------------------|----|
| California | 1 | Louisiana | 1 | New York | 22 |
| Connecticut | 1 | Maryland | 2 | Ohio | 6 |
| Delaware | 3 | Massachusetts .. | 4 | Pennsylvania | 4 |
| District of Columbia | 1 | Michigan | 2 | Porto Rico | 1 |
| Illinois | 2 | Minnesota | 1 | | |
| Indiana | 1 | Missouri | 1 | Total | 62 |
| Iowa | 1 | New Jersey | 6 | | |

Active Members.

| | Dues paid 1903. | Dues unpaid 1903. | Total number members. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alabama | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| California | 19 | 6 | 25 |
| Colorado | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| Connecticut | 44 | 12 | 56 |
| Delaware | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| District of Columbia | 30 | 12 | 42 |
| Florida | — | 1 | 1 |
| Georgia | 25 | — | 25 |
| Illinois | 55 | 28 | 83 |
| Indiana | 44 | 29 | 73 |
| Iowa | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Kansas | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Kentucky | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| Louisiana | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| Maine | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| Maryland | 38 | 10 | 48 |
| Massachusetts | 116 | 49 | 165 |
| Michigan | 34 | 18 | 52 |
| Minnesota | 22 | 20 | 42 |
| Mississippi | — | 1 | 1 |
| Missouri | 25 | 10 | 35 |
| Montana | 1 | — | 1 |
| Nebraska | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| New Hampshire | 9 | — | 9 |
| New Jersey | 36 | 15 | 51 |
| New Mexico | 1 | — | 1 |
| New York | 212 | 52 | 264 |
| North Carolina | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Ohio | 84 | 36 | 120 |
| Oregon | 3 | — | 3 |
| Pennsylvania | 45 | 14 | 59 |
| Porto Rico | 1 | — | 1 |

Active Members—Concluded.

| | Dues paid 1903. | Dues unpaid 1903. | Total number members. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rhode Island | 26 | 4 | 30 |
| South Carolina | 3 | — | 3 |
| Tennessee | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Texas | 3 | — | 3 |
| Vermont | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Virginia | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Washington | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| West Virginia | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Wisconsin | 19 | 4 | 23 |
| Canada | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| Foreign | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| | 1,031 | 393 | 1,424 |
| Patrons | | ... | 62 |
| Grand total | | ... | 1,486 |

A CORRECTION.

TRENTON, N. J., August 12, 1903.

Joseph P. Byers, Gen. Sec. National Conference, Charities and Correction:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Home for Girls held on Wednesday, August 12th, the statement made in the National Bulletin of Charities and Corrections in reference to our Home was discussed and the following Committee was appointed for the purpose of communicating with you, and herewith enclose a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by them.

The Board of Trustees of the New Jersey State Home for Girls desire to correct a statement made by the State Corresponding Secretary of New Jersey in your May Report (on page 65). They would like to say that there has been no intention of asking the Superintendent to resign. On the contrary, they feel that the highest good of the Institution will be served by her remaining. In fact they feel that, if from any cause, the Institution should be deprived of her services, the result would be very injurious. The affairs at the Home are in

a thoroughly satisfactory condition, as far as the management is concerned. The discipline is excellent and the attitude of the Superintendent towards the girls and of the girls towards the Superintendent is all that can be desired.

ANNA VAN PELT EMLEY,
President Pro Tem.

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PRELIMINARY WORK FOR THE PORTLAND CONFERENCE.

On Monday evening, September 28, a score or more of the leading workers in charity in Portland met informally at supper at Riverton, one of the attractive resorts near Portland which are an interesting feature of its summer life. Afterwards, the company gathered in the parlor of the Casino there, with Mayor Boothby in the chair, to hear Dr. Brackett, President of the National Conference, speak of the significance and work of the Conference. Remarks were then made by a number of the company, including the Mayor; Col. Dow, publisher of one of the Portland papers; Mr. Charles H. Ross, Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and Mr. E. P. Wentworth, head of the State School for Boys, and Vice-chairman of the important committee of the Conference on "Children." Much interest was shown. The local work for the conference was thus encouragingly begun.

The next day, Dr. Brackett, with Mr. Ross and Mr. Freeman Gowen, who took a leading part as official delegates to recent conference sessions in securing the coming session for Portland, attended the annual meeting of the State Board of Trade at Biddeford. The interest which representative business men should take in the Conference was urged by Dr. Brackett in a brief address, with a plea for action by local boards of trade and individual workers. Also, a number of leaders were seen individually. Several have already responded with lists of charity workers in their cities.

On Wednesday evening, October 14, a special meeting of the Associated Charities of Portland, to which a large number of in-

fluent citizens were invited, was held in the room of the city council. About 125 persons were present, mostly ladies. The President of the Associated Charities presided. Bishop Codman, of the Episcopal diocese of Maine, was asked to open the meeting with prayer. Informal addresses were made by several persons, including a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, telling of the importance of the Conference or pledging support to the coming session. A committee was chosen to nominate a "local committee" for the work to be done by Portland for the Conference.

Tuesday evening, November 3, a fair number of members of the Associated Charities and others interested, with Dr. Brackett also, met in city hall, to hear the report of the nominating committee. A strong local committee was named. The recent Mayor of Portland, Col. F. E. Boothby, who is widely known also as general passenger and ticket agent of the Maine Central Railroad, has consented to act as chairman. He is popular, and one of those none-too-busy men who has time to help on a cause which is deemed valuable for the general welfare. On the committee are such representative persons as ex-Mayor Baxter, who gave to Portland its public library building, Col. Dow, Bishop Codman and the widely respected Bishop O'Connell of the Roman Catholic diocese of Maine.

The intention of the local committee is to try to interest various workers and business bodies in the chief cities of Maine, and to seek the co-operation of such bodies of women as the Federation of Women's Clubs and the W. C. T. U. As to entertainment, the feeling so far expressed by local leaders is that of the President of the Conference, that a very informal reception at the beginning of the session and one afternoon spent "down the harbor" is all that should appear on the program. The Conference stands for work, and all that is needed for refreshment between meetings in Portland is a whiff of sea-breeze from the harbor or a trolley-ride to the suburbs.

Portland is very unusual in its situation, and in opportunities for recreation. From one park on the hill-side at its eastern end is a view over its harbor and the many islands of Casco Bay, to the ocean. From the western promenade at the other end is a view in clear weather over a wide expanse of fertile farm land to the White mountains. The city is in streets, in

stores, in fine old houses, in everything, a pleasing place. The hotels are not large, but if conference members are somewhat scattered at meals, they will be brought close together in many ways, for the city is not large, and the section meetings may all be held in the several attractive rooms of the city hall.

The approaches to Portland are interesting. The trip by water from New York or Boston in the month of June is most pleasant. The trip through the White Mountains is a rare treat.

The Portland Conference should be an unusually helpful one, if members everywhere as well as the local committee will do their best to "work it up." Twice only in its history of thirty years has this important educational body met within the New England States. In Boston, in 1881, the third session held as a national conference apart from the Social Science Association, which had fostered its beginnings, brought together 231 registered members. Of these 138 were from New England. In 1895, the session was at New Haven with an attendance of over twice as many. Since then, an effective State Board of Charities has been established, with growing popular support, in New Hampshire; and Massachusetts has just organized its first State Conference of Charities with meetings filling two days and attended by over 500 registered members—coming, besides 15 from out of Massachusetts—from Boston 288, from the state without Boston, 210, and representing in all 48 cities and towns. The movement for enlightenment in charity and correction is a great and growing one. Of it the National Conference is both a means and an expression.

The newspapers of Portland have already given much space to the Conference, its work, history and program for 1904. The Portland "Times" of November 22, devoted a full page to a history of the Conference, officers for 1904, etc.



SOMETHING ABOUT PORTLAND.*

Portland presents itself to the visitor, first as a very beautiful city, and next as a very busy one. There is abundant evidence of commercial activity in its business sections, and of wealth and culture in its residential parts.

Its streets are broad, its houses attractive, and its public buildings imposing, while its parks are among the finest possessed by any city of its size in the United States. Its water



CONGRESS STREET.

front is perhaps the city's greatest pride, as it assuredly is one of its most priceless heritages.

Its harbor is deep and roomy, and beyond comparison beautiful, being studded with tree-covered islands that form the front rank of endless procession that stretches across peerless Casco Bay — a sheet of water embalmed in American literature, as well as treasured in the memories of countless vacationists.

* From the "Boston and Maine Messenger."

It was by means of its harbor, of course, that the site of the present Portland was first discovered. Its history, from the days of its settlement up to the period when it began to assert



CAPE ELIZABETH — SURF SCENE.

its commercial supremacy, is interesting; but most Americans will prefer to recall the city as the birthplace of Longfellow.

It is the fact of the beloved poet's early residence there that gives the place its literary atmosphere. The house where-



RIVERTON PARK.

in the good poet was born, and the one in which he resided later, are religiously pointed out to the visitor. A beautiful bronze statue of Longfellow — one of the finest examples of

the sculptor's art in the country — occupies a prominent position in one of the city's squares; and there still stand the stately Deering woods, in which the poet used to ramble, and in which he found some of his happiest inspirations.

The first settlement was made here in 1632, twelve years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, but the place had been visited by explorers and adventurers long before that. Being literally one of the outposts of civilization on the continent, it



OLD AND NEW CITY BUILDING.

was, naturally, exposed to the ravages of the Indians. Indeed, it was abandoned from this cause in 1689 for a period of twenty-five years, when the settlement was revived under the name of Falmouth. During the Revolution, at which time its population was about 2,000, it suffered much from attacks by British warships, being temporarily abandoned. In 1786 it was rebuilt and incorporated as Portland, becoming a city in 1832.

Portland's earlier period of commercial prosperity dated from the former year, when it began to build up a flourishing trade with the West Indies and Europe. It also became an important



fishing and whaling center, and shipbuilding was also an industry of considerable prominence.



CLEEVE AND TUCKER MONUMENT.

The embargo act of 1807 and the War of 1812 gave the town's growing commerce a serious setback, but it recovered from this and again made good headway until the opening of the Civil War, when things came to a standstill again. The



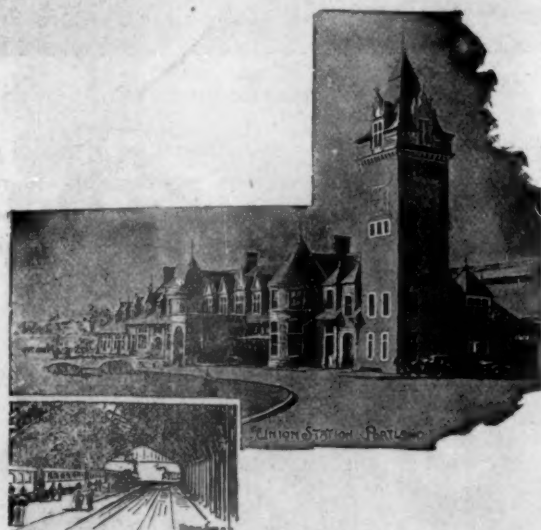
CUSTOM HOUSE.

great fire of 1866, destroying the business section of the city, well nigh discouraged the people, but from the ruins soon arose a new and finer Portland.

When the city was incorporated in 1832 its population was only about 13,000. Steam transportation by water was first in-

troduced between Portland and Boston in 1823, and in 1833 another and better steamship, built under the direction of Robert Fulton, the inventor of steamboats, was placed on the route.

Today steam railroads radiate in eight distinct directions from Portland—to Boston, via two divisions of the Boston & Maine; to Rochester, Nashua and Worcester, to the White Mountains and Montreal, to Rumford Falls and the Rangeley Lakes region, to Northwestern Maine, to Northeastern Maine and the Maritime Provinces, and to the eastern coast of Maine, including Rockland and Bar Harbor.



UNION STATION.

In addition to these superb transportation facilities there are numerous steamship lines running from Portland to points east and west along the coast, including Boston on the one hand and Bar Harbor, Eastport and St. John, N. B., on the other. There is also a large fleet of steamboats engaged in a more local service, touching at various islands in the harbor and throughout Casco Bay. It is this latter service that makes Portland such a thoroughly delightful place for vacation seekers, giving an opportunity of seeing a new place each day during the summer season for a minimum expenditure of time or money.

There are large cottage colonies on some of the harbor islands together with excellent hotels, theatres and various other mediums



DEERING HIGH SCHOOL.

of entertainment and amusement. Others, again, are quiet enough to please a hermit, so that all tastes are suited.

In the later years of its history Portland — or Greater Portland as it now calls itself, for it has recently annexed Deering



BUTLER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

— has been busily engaged in improving its superb water front, its streets, its water and sewerage system, its parks and its pub-



T. B. REED, HIS BIRTHPLACE AND RESIDENCE.

lic buildings. A big modern grain elevator of 1,250,000 bushels capacity has been erected on the harbor front, new docks have been constructed and additional facilities for handling cattle for export introduced.

As the harbor (which lies along the south side of the city) is never closed by ice, it has been long used as the winter port for the great ocn steamers between Great Britain (Liverpool and Glasgow) and Canada, which, in summer, ascend the St. Lawrence to Montreal and uebec. Of late it has become an all-the-year-round port for European steamships, though not to the same extent as its popularity as a winter port. At low



WEST END HOTEL.

water vessels drawing twenty-four feet and at high water vessels drawing thirty-two feet can come up to the wharves with safety in any season, and there is secure anchorage within a mile of the shore.

In the extent of its exports it stands fourth of the cities on the Atlantic coast, being exceeded by New York, Philadelphia and Boston only.

Among the staple imports are wood, coal, potatoes (from Europe), salt, sugar and molasses, fish, earthenware, and textile manufactures; and among the staple exports to foreign countries fresh and preserved provisions of all kinds, grain, hay, cattle, wood, copper ore, tallow, shoes, potash, cotton, lumber

(mainly to South America), and ice. As a fishing port it stands third among American cities in the extent and value of its catch.

Portland's thirty-five public school buildings are, for the most part, fine specimens of architecture, and they include both a high and manual training school. Something like 8,500 scholars are on the rolls.

There is a splendid free public library, housed in a fine brown freestone building of Romanesque architecture. Other striking public buildings in Portland include the City Hall, the Custom House, the Post Office, the Maine General Hospital and the Maine School for the Deaf. There is also a fine Y. M. C. A. building and a number of handsome churches, including the famous Williston Church, where the Christian Endeavor Society was born, St. Lawrence and High Street Congregational and Pine Street Methodist. One of the handsomest and largest of Portland's buldings is the Union Passenger Station, erected in 1888.



JEFFERSON THEATRE.

Portland is well supplied with first-class hotels. It also possesses a handsome \$200,000 theatre, owned by a corporation, the chief stockholders in which are leading business men of the city.

There are few cities more healthful than Portland, and the percentage of contagious diseases is very low. Good air, pure drinking water, a modern sewerage system and slightly elevations for residences, some of the latter giving distant views of the

White Mountains, are among the factors that go to make the "Forest City" an ideal place to live in.

The city's water is brought from Sebago Lake, 17 miles distant, by a private company, and is of great volume and purity. The municipal administration follows the most approved lines, and the various departments include an efficient board of works. The police and fire departments are on a high plane of excellence.

Six large parks help to make the city beautiful and afford abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation on the part of the people.



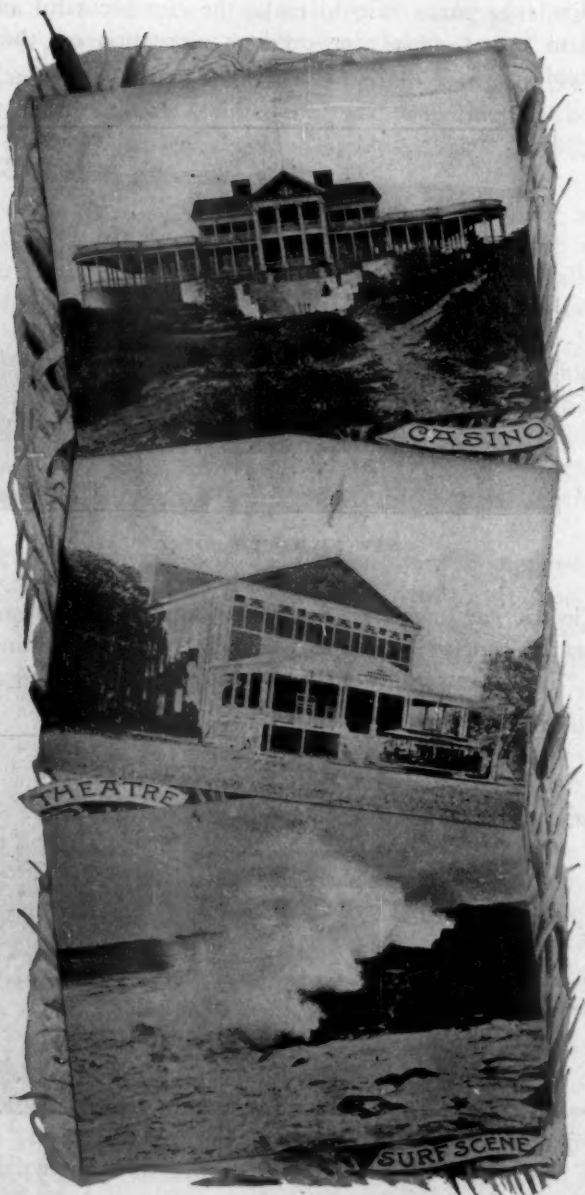
NEW FALMOUTH HOTEL.

Electric car lines thread the city and run to various suburban centres, including Cape Elizabeth, Westbrook and Rigby Park. Steamboats run hourly to Cushings, Peaks, and the other



"POND," DEERING OAKS PARK.

attractive island resorts in the harbor, as well as to the more remote ones Casco Bay.



One of the most popular of the nearby resorts is Old Orchard, whose magnificent beach and manifold amusements are a strong attraction to Portland people, as well as to visitors from other states.

The new defensive works which the government has allotted Casco Bay will consist, when completed, of thirty-eight rifled guns, eighteen 12-inch, ten 10-inch, and ten 8-inch; the cost for guns will be \$1,352,164, and for carriages \$546,000. The large disappearing guns at Fort Williams, Portland Head, are the largest in the world; they have a range of fifteen miles, and fire five shots before the first one reaches its fifteen-mile destination.



PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT.

Powerful search-lights are to be erected on the Cape shore, that the garrison now stationed there may watch for the approach of hostile vessels by night as well as by day. In addition there is being constructed a mortar battery containing forty-eight 12-inch mortars, to cost \$648,000, and their carriages an additional \$336,000, making a total expense for armament \$2,882,164. At Diamond Cove, on Great Diamond Island, mortar batteries and redoubts are being constructed, and Fort McKinley, with a garrison of a thousand men, will be established here this year.

The list of eminent citizens who have known Portland as their home is a long and illustrious one. It includes the names

of Gen. Jedediah Preble of Revolutionary fame; Theophilus Parsons, chief justice of Massachusetts; William Pitt Fessenden, Gen. Neal Dow, Commodore Edward Preble, Henry W. Longfellow, N. P. Willis and Thomas B. Reed.



LONGFELLOW'S BIRTH PLACE.

No one of these has ever done so much to make Portland and its environments famous in a literary sense as Longfellow. He dearly loved the place of his birth, and once wrote of it: "This Portland, the city by the sea, is a beautiful place; the view from the hill is particularly fine, and the

birds sing in the streets as if it were the country."

It is for the special purpose of visiting the old-fashioned house at the corner of Fore and Hancock streets, where the poet was born, and the more stately residence on Congress street where he afterward lived, that hundreds of his admirers in these days visit Portland.

Joseph P. Byers, General Secretary.

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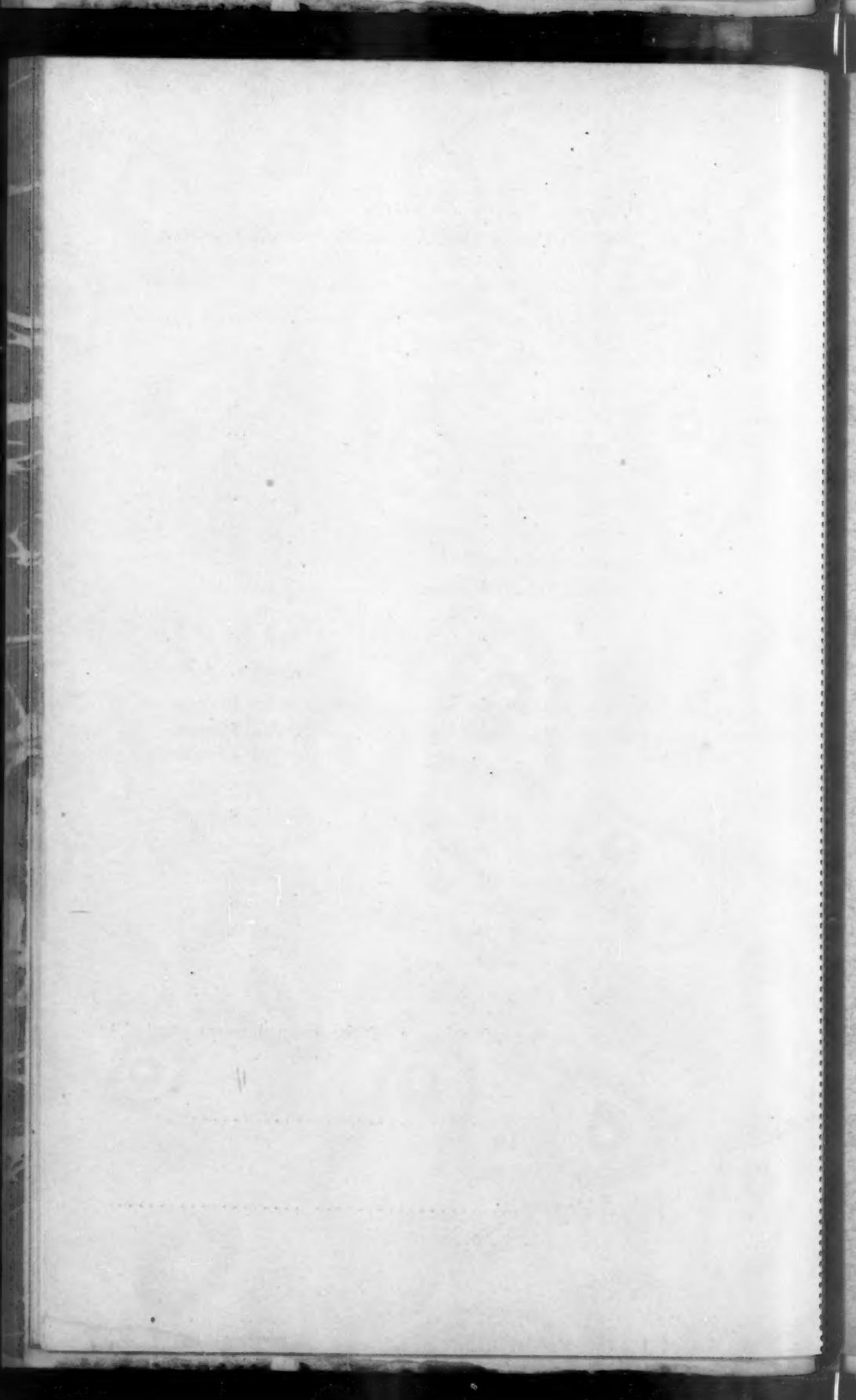
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